

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

The Fire Department of Butte Wiped Out, INCLUDING CHIEF AND HORSES

Three Policemen Among the Killed, Who Number at Least Seventy-five.

BUTTE, Mont., January 15.—A fire occurred in the Butte Hardware Company's warehouse tonight which killed three policemen and wiped out the fire department. The fire department was at work on the fire when the explosion took place, killing a number of firemen. While efforts were being made to remove the dead and wounded a second explosion occurred. The entire fire department was wiped out, including the chief and all the horses. Three policemen were among the killed, who numbered at least seventy-five. Pistols were broken all over the city and the damage to property is enormous. It is impossible to get details at present. All the ambulances are rushing to and from the scene of the explosion. The relatives of those killed are frantic and the city is in a state of commotion. The powder in the warehouse was a violation of law. It was the greatest explosion in the history of the west.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

BUTTE, January 15.—2 p.m.—The fire started in the Royal Milling Company's warehouse and spread to the Kuyon-Cornell warehouse, in which was stored several carloads of giant powder. The first explosion was most terrific and killed every fireman save two, belonging to the central fire station. So far between fifty and sixty mangled bodies have been recovered and more are being picked up all the time. It is impossible to get the names of the killed. It is estimated that about 100 additional persons were injured, several of whom died after being taken to the hospitals.

Wagon men still taking dead bodies from the scene of the explosion to the various undertakers and the wounded to their homes and hospitals. The latter are all full. The list of dead will probably reach seventy-five, and the damage to property will be over \$150,000. In all three carloads of powder exploded, one which was stored at the Butte Hardware Company's warehouse, which adjoined the Kuyon-Cornell warehouse, was exploded. Several bodies were found a long distance and picked up in an unrecognizable mass of flesh.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

BUTTE, January 15.—A fire broke out in the Montana Central yards, and soon several cars loaded with powder caught fire. Just as the flames were closing in around the blazing cars an explosion occurred, killing a number of firemen and spectators and maiming many others. The firemen who had escaped immediately retired, and were beginning another attack, when a second explosion occurred, more violent than the first, took place. People in the street were thrown down as with a great crash, and the streets for half a block around looked like a great battle field. In this way there was a high in the air, coming down half a mile away, and people in the center of the city were thus injured.

The few remaining firemen gathered themselves together and were attempting to stamp out a place of safety when the third and last explosion occurred. This, too, killed and injured many people. There were several cars of the powder and all of them exploded. The whole business was a complete disaster. Every horse for blocks around is turned into an unrecognizable mass. Every member of the fire department has been either killed or wounded.

Fifteen dead bodies have already been recovered together, and doubtless there are a great many more in parts of the yard that no one dares to approach. Every horse for blocks around is turned into an unrecognizable mass. Every member of the fire department has been either killed or wounded.

POSTMASTER RETIRED.

A Sister of Lincoln's Wife Who Had Killed Through Three Terms.

WATSONBORO, January 15.—Franklin Jeptha was appointed postmaster at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to succeed Mrs. Benjamin Helm. General Helm, who was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, was one of the bravest soldiers in the Confederate army. His wife, Mrs. Helm, was a sister of Abraham Lincoln's wife, and through the influence of Robert Lincoln was appointed postmistress by Garfield. She held the position through three administrations, Arthur's, Cleveland's and Harrison's. The appointment of Jeptha was made on the recommendation of Congressman Montgomery.

SAN FRANCISCO RACES.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—Seven winners—Brawl Scott, Quirt, Howard, Time, 1.45. Five and one-half furlongs—Miss Both, White Cloud, Little Tough, Time, 1.20. Five and one-half furlongs—Mayday, Ohmuck, Idaho Chief, Time, 1.30. Five and one-half furlongs—Mollie King, Olivia, Gudaloupe, Time, 1.22. Five and one-half furlongs—Mollie Cook, Morver, Don Fulano, Time, 1.30 1/2.

State Fruit Exchange.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—The State Fruit Exchange held a convention in this city today with forty delegates in attendance. Mr. Rogers of Santa Clara introduced a resolution to exclude all reporters from the room during the session and it was adopted. Beyond the election of officers, the workings of the convention were not made known. The following officers were elected: President, B. F. Walton of Yuba City, vice president, D. F. Fowler of Fresno, and G. A. Bean of San Diego secretary.

A Train Derailed.

SEACROFT, January 15.—The west bound train from Jone on the narrow gauge was wrecked today by the spreading of the rails. Two coaches were violently overturned and all of the twenty-five passengers were more or less injured. The coaches were badly wrecked, but the freight cars did not leave the track.

Rev. Seaward of Los Angeles preached at the First Baptist church in this city last night.

AT THE STATE CAPITOL

An Avalanche of Bills in the Senate.

WRANGLING OVER THE RULES

A Bill to Reduce the Number of Superior Judges in Fresno County.

Industrial Convicted.

SACRAMENTO, January 15.—H. Miller, of the so-called Captain Kelley brigade, was convicted this evening of violating the city ordinance relating to streets that obstruct streets. He will be sentenced to jail today. The city trustees accepted the offer of the city trustees of safety to furnish 100 special policemen without pay to patrol the city and keep it free from tramps and roughs.

French President Resigns.

PARIS, January 15.—President Casimir-Perier has resigned. The reason for his resignation is the opposition to the President and his advisers by the politicians.

MOSE GUNST "HAS WENT"

THE OBNOXIOUS APPOINTMENT REMOVED BY BUDD.

Stewart Menzies, Leader of the Non-partisan Party, Appointed in His Stead.

SACRAMENTO, January 15.—Governor Budd received this afternoon an opinion from Attorney General Fitzgerald, stating that the governor had power to remove from office any member of the board of San Francisco police commissioners. Thereupon he promptly removed Mose A. Gunst, appointed by Governor Markham two weeks ago, and replaced the obnoxious appointee by Stewart Menzies. The announcement created a sensation, but the removal is commented upon favorably by all parties. In view of the fact that Menzies will not resign, his office without a subpoena, and is confident that the courts will sustain him. Menzies is the leader of the non-partisan party, and has been working for municipal reform for three years.

Attorney General Fitzgerald, in the opinion which Governor Budd had to remove Mose Gunst from the office of police commissioner, says: "As neither the constitution or statute provides for the removal of a police commissioner, the governor has no power to remove him from office."

Will Build Refrigerator Cars.

KANSAS CITY, January 15.—A local paper says a gigantic corporation is being formed for the purpose of manufacturing refrigerator cars in Kansas City. The company will have a capital of \$5,000,000, and is being backed by Adams of Boston and other eastern capitalists. The company will build an immense plant at Armourdale.

Frenchman Killed at Rockport.

WESTPORT, January 15.—Yesterday several men were clearing a slide off the railroad at Rockport landing when suddenly a large rock from the embankment broke loose and fell on a Frenchman, a Frenchman, and he died in half an hour. John Martin jumped or rolled thirty feet. The other workmen had narrow escapes.

The Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—Wheat—Firm; May 65 1/2. Barley—Weak; December 75 1/2; May, 80c. Corn—\$1.37 1/2. Bran—\$13 per ton.

French Weavers Strike.

LYONS, France, January 15.—Great excitement prevails at Lyons where 3000 weavers are on a strike. A detachment of gendarmes had to disperse the mob, which threatened to destroy the mills.

THE OUTFALL SEWER.

Surveys Made by Two Civil Engineers.

The city trustees have had two surveys made with a view to ascertaining the best method of disposing of the sewage of the city. It is proposed to buy a tract of land, probably about a section, in the vicinity of the outfall sewer, and to purchase the sewer to the land thus purchased, using the water from the city for purposes of irrigation, and thus derive more or less revenue from the land by raising hay and other farm commodities such as the city now buys.

As a matter of necessity the city must select the land in the vicinity of the present outfall, and thus there is not a very wide range to select from. But the holders of land in that vicinity, and each has offered to sell a tract.

Engineer Shepherd surveyed the land and ran levels, and reported that the water would flow upon the land of Moses, but not upon what is known as a later survey, and agreed pretty nearly with that made by Mr. Shepherd, but found that the water would reach 200 or 300 acres of the Church lands, by extending the sewer two and a quarter miles.

Ex-Assemblyman Jacobson, late of this county, but now resident of Nevada, is in Fresno shaking hands with his many friends.

MISS HALLOT'S CASE

She Did Not Embezzle Mr. Benford's Spare Costume.

There has been a great deal of talk about the case of Miss Hallot, a young lady whose complexion permits only a Tyrian purple blush. Recently she and D. G. Benford, whose color is also rich when polished, have been keeping house in a suite of apartments on the west side of the railroad. Mr. Benford is a gentleman who owns his brand by the sweat of his brow; he is, to say the least, a hard worker. He has a long ago, he went to the country to labor, leaving much of his clothing with his family in town. On his return the other night he was surprised to find his garments gone and a young woman in his place. He immediately called on a complaint with Justice Austin, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Miss Hallot on a charge of embezzlement. The evidence made things look different, as it showed that the clothing had been taken not by Miss Hallot, but by the owner of the apartments, as a means of securing back rent. On this showing Miss Hallot was discharged, and she now may go to Los Angeles, as she desires. Deputy District Attorney Jones appeared for the prosecution, and Andy Dillingham, a colored attorney, for the defense.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS

TARIFF, CURRENCY AND POPULIST PLATFORM DISCUSSED.

Allou Defends the Party Against Charges Made in and Out of Congress.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—The senate gave a day to further speeches, in which the income tax served as the text for a wide range of discussion on the tariff, the currency and Populist platform. Mr. Hill's proposition made last week to amend the deficiency bill so that the income tax would be tested in the courts has apparently started an inextinguishable flow of speeches on public affairs in general. Mr. Cockrell, in charge of the deficiency bill, has sought vainly to secure a vote on the bill in all civil cases and in criminal cases alone to limit passage. He hopes to secure action today, but the speech of Mr. Call of Florida and Allen of Nebraska made this impossible. Mr. Allen took occasion to defend the Populist party against the many charges made in and out of congress that it was a party of vagabonds. It led to a very full discussion of all Populist doctrines, and comparison of them with the doctrines of other parties.

WEST SIDE CANALS.

A Correspondent Sees Prosperity Ahead.

BUTTE, January 15.—Some men are great kickers. Our friend from Mendota did not kick until after the people saw fit to support a part of the old board with men of broader views. He makes the assertion that the district has cost the people of the West \$200 per quarter, which may be correct, but if the people are not to have their way it will cost \$500 per quarter more and then not have any water, but if they will stop throwing obstacles in the shape of litigation and other things that can be done by the people, the work of the canal project will be done in a few months.

The contract has been let, and the contractor's bond for the faithful performance of the work has been filed, and the work will be done in a few months.

By Matthews.—To provide for a more complete protection of irrigation districts bonds with intent to make such securities more valuable. Another irrigation measure prepared by the same senator is intended to remove the defects in the present statute governing assessments. O. G. Wright, author of the existing irrigation laws, indorses both measures. By Matthews, proposed a constitutional amendment to abolish the mortgage.

SACRAMENTO, January 15.—The Republican members of the senate were in caucus tonight. The only business before the caucus was the selection of candidates for the senate in the coming election. The caucus was a success, and the members of the caucus were in good spirits.

CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

CREELMAN'S STORY CONFIRMED BY VILLIERS.

Russia and Perhaps England May Interfere After the Winter is Over.

VICTORIA, B. C., January 15.—The Empress of Japan arrived today. She left Yokohama January 4th and has no news of special interest. Frederick Villiers, war correspondent, has returned. He says De Guerville of the Herald plotted against the life of James Creelman of the World, and says he will drive him from the New York press club and the city. Villiers confirms the Creelman story about the butchery at Port Arthur, and says that after the winter is over he looks for the interference of Russia and perhaps England. When Villiers and Creelman were taken prisoners by the Japanese they were liberated by English intervention. Villiers says the price is clear that De Guerville tried to betray Creelman into the hands of the Japanese and have him killed as a spy.

Bicycle Stolen.

Yesterday afternoon Joseph O. Walgren, who resides at 2414 J street, took a ride on his bicycle out to the Fresno vineyard. Mr. Walgren set his wheel against the fence by the road and went into the house. When he returned after half an hour he found his wheel was gone. It is a Columbia with a cushion tire. The number is 22,765. The authorities have been unable to find out the thief as yet.

School Bonds Paid.

The county auditor yesterday drew requisitions on the treasurer for about \$10,000, in payment for school bonds which had matured. The bonds were mostly from small districts.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

NOVA Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

WE ARE SAWING WOOD!

HAVE OUR HAMMER WITH US TO KNOCK PRICES DOWN.

Powerful Inducements for the Second Week of Our

Great War Path Sale

The Second Week of Our GREAT SALE begins with an Array of Attractions that cannot fail to Create an even Greater Sensation than Last Week's Marvelous Offerings.

PRICE LIST

DRY GOODS.

100 pieces of the finest Dark Dress Prints at 25 a yard.

A new line of Tennis Flannels at 35 a yard.

50 pieces red Tennis Flannels at 70 a yard.

Solid cream Baby Flannels, for this sale at 50 a yard.

44 numbered Muslin at 25 a yard.

Best quality bleached Muslin, "Fruit of the Loom," at 60 a yard.

Extra quality of heavy Canton Flannel at 40 a yard.

Best quality of heavy Canton Flannel at 75 a yard.

Quilted Shirtings, best quality at 30 a yard.

9-4 Shirting at 15 a yard.

Good quality of Turkey red Table Linen at 20 a yard.

Half bleached, all linen, fine Table Linen at 25 a yard.

An elegant quality of absolutely fast black Satin at 15 a yard.

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30 pieces of finest quality of flannel, Satin, in elegant patterns, at 12 1/2 a yard.

Our fine French Sateen Corsetmakers, former prices \$3 and \$3.50, now \$1.50 each.

20 dozen full size, extra quality Corsetmakers, former price \$2, now \$1 each.

The greatest line of white Bedspreads and toilet Quilts at 50 and \$1 each.

The balance of our all-wool Underclothes at 25 a yard.

Our fine all-wool French Flannels, for this sale at 30 a yard.

Our fine \$10 Silk Corsetmakers at \$5 each.

Our \$1.50 Lace Curtains, War Path price \$1.

Our fine \$5 Chenille Portieres, with heavy fringe at \$2.75 a pair.

RIBBONS.

A line of all-silk Ribbons, in widths 7, 9, 12 and 16, regular price 12 1/2, 15, 20 and 25 a yard. War Path sale price 30 a yard for all widths.

CLOAKS AND WRAPS.

We are offering for this week the same inducements in our entire stock of Cloaks and wraps as last week. Last week was cleaned up as up about half.

Before the rest is sold.

DRESS GOODS.

38-inch Cashmere Henrietta, regular price 60c, War Path sale price 30c a yard.

40-inch all-wool Henrietta, regular price 60c and 65c a yard, sale price 30c a yard.

A few more of our 46 inch, 75c and \$1 all-wool French Surges, to be sold during this sale at 50c a yard.

66-inch all-wool Ladies' Cloth, regular price 75c, 80c and \$1, sale price 50c a yard.

Our fine all-wool Broadcloths, regular price \$1 and \$1.25, sale price 50c a yard.

54-inch extra heavy fine French Broadcloths, regular price \$1.50 and \$1.75, sale price 90c a yard.

All our fine French Wool and Silk-mixed Three Goods, regular price 50c and 75c, sale price 35c a yard.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Our \$1 and \$1.25 line of black all-wool French Dress Goods, 40 inches wide, for this sale at 65c a yard.

SILKS.

Just received 20 pieces of 23-inch 100s Indian Silks in all shades, to be sold this week at 20c a yard.

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